FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

CARL J. AHLGREN and FLORENCE AHLGREN Claim No.CU -8801

Decision No.CU

3773

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

PROPOSED DECISION

Claimants, CARL J. AHLGREN and FLORENCE AHLGREN, who owned a stock interest in the Central Violeta Sugar Company, S.A., assert a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Company.

The Commission's Regulations provide that claims under Title V of the Act (Cuban claims) shall be filed with the Commission on or before May 1, 1967 (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. Sec. 531.1(d) (1970)); and further that any initial written indication of an intention to file a claim received within 30 days prior to the expiration of the filing period thereof shall be considered as a timely filing of a claim if formalized within 30 days after the expiration of the filing period. (Reg., Sec., 531.1(g))

No claim was filed with this Commission by or on behalf of claimants within the allowable period for timely filing of such claims, nor does the Commission have any record of any communication concerning this asserted loss.

The Commission has held, however, that it will accept for consideration on their merits claims filed after the deadline so long as the consideration thereof does not impede the determination of those claims which were timely filed. (See Claim of John Korenda, Claim No. CU-8255.) This is such a claim.

In our decision entitled the <u>Claim of Huntley E. Cox</u> (Claim No. CU-2944 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties of the Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on October 13, 1960, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per share of \$30.4318.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that these claimants come within the terms of the Cox decision; that they were American nationals at the requisite times; and that they had been the joint owners of 200 shares of stock in the Central Violeta Sugar Company, S.A. since prior to October 13, 1960; and that they jointly suffered a loss in the amount of \$6,086.36 within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from October 13, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Cox, supra.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that CARL J, AHLGREN and FLORENCE AHLGREN jointly suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Six Thousand Eighty-six Dollars and Thirty-six Cents (\$6,086.36) with interest at 6% per annum from October 13, 1960 to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D. C., and entered as the Proposed Decision of the Commission

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NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimants establish retention of the securities for the loss here certified.

The statute <u>does not provide for the payment of claims</u> against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.5(e) and (g), as amended (1970).)